



February 12, 2016

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 14

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that portion of Interstate 65 from Exit 34 to Exit 50 as "John Mellencamp Way".

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February 1, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
February 11, 2016, reported — Do Pass.

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Whereas, John Mellencamp is known throughout the world for using his music for the betterment of mankind;

Whereas, John Mellencamp has long been recognized as a social activist and humanitarian;

Whereas, Together with Willie Nelson and Neil Young, John Mellencamp helped organize the first Farm Aid concert in 1985 to raise awareness about the loss of family farms and to help raise funds to keep farm families on their land;

Whereas, John Mellencamp's career is closely linked to his upbringing in Seymour, Indiana, where he was born on October 7, 1951, and attended Emerson Elementary, Shields Junior High, and Seymour High School;

Whereas, John Mellencamp lives and works in Bloomington today;

Whereas, Some of his biggest hit songs tell the stories of growing up in the Midwest and about small-town life, including "Jack and Diane" and "Pink Houses";

Whereas, John Mellencamp has received numerous awards and honors throughout his career, including one Grammy Award (Best Male Rock Performer for "Hurts So Good" in



1982), and has been nominated for 12 others, has been bestowed with the Nordoff-Robbins Silver Clef Special Music Industry Humanitarian Award (1991), the Billboard Century Award (2001), the Woody Guthrie Award (2003), and the ASCAP Foundation Champion Award (2007);

Whereas, John Mellencamp was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2008, received the Americana Lifetime Achievement Award and the John Steinbeck Award, which is given to those individuals who exemplify the spirit of "Steinbeck's empathy, commitment to democratic values, and belief in the dignity of the common man";

Whereas, John Mellencamp is a friend to Indiana University, and John Mellencamp Pavilion, the primary indoor athletic training facility on the Bloomington campus, was named in his honor after he contributed the lead gift for its construction;

Whereas, John Mellencamp's loyalty to the state of Indiana is displayed through his band that is predominantly made up of Hoosier musicians and through his music that reflects what it was like growing up in rural Indiana;

Whereas, John Mellencamp's body of work and his actions on behalf of mankind have brought positive attention to Indiana and benefitted people throughout the state; and

Whereas, John Mellencamp is "the people's performer" whose songs resonate with all people regardless of their culture or background: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes John
- 2 Mellencamp's many accomplishments as a songwriter, musician, and
- 3 performer. It is only fitting that proper recognition be given to our
- 4 "favorite son". Such recognition would be to rename that portion of
- 5 Interstate 65 from Exit 34 to Exit 50 as "John Mellencamp Way".
- 6 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the commissioner



1 of the Indiana Department of Transportation and John Mellencamp.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 14, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to HC 14 as printed February 2, 2016.)

SOLIDAY

Committee Vote: Yeas 13, Nays 0

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